

Beginning date	Ending date	Under-payments (percent)	Over-payments (percent)	Corporate overpay- ments (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent)
070195	033196	9	8
040196	063096	8	7
070196	033198	9	8
040198	123198	8	7
010199	033199	7	7	6
040199	123199	8	8	7

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Access to the Customs Electronic Bulletin Board

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces that future access to the Customs Electronic Bulletin Board (CEBB) will be available only through the Internet. As of January 1, 2000, the CEBB will no longer be accessible through a separate, Customs-maintained, dial-up via a telephone modem. This action is being taken because with the increasing use of

the Internet by the international trade community there is no longer any need for Customs to maintain the separate dial-up system.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 29, 1991, Customs published a notice in the **Federal Register** (56 FR 3294) announcing the increased availability of information intended to assist the trade community in its working with Customs through the Customs Electronic Bulletin Board (CEBB). Customs initiated the CEBB so that persons with personal computers and telephone modems could access items of interest otherwise available only to those members of the trade

community with access to the Automated Commercial System (ACS). The CEBB was available to interested persons free-of-charge by way of eight dedicated telephone lines. Eventually, Customs also placed the CEBB information on the Internet.

Since 1991, the Internet has grown in popularity and the amount of persons utilizing the CEBB through the separate dial-up access has dwindled, making the separately maintained dial-up system no longer necessary. Accordingly, although the CEBB will continue to be maintained by Customs as a source of trade information available on the Internet, it will no longer be separately available via modem dial-up after December 31, 1999.

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